

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Out standing issues relating to wood based industries including sawmills would require solutions- Constitution of an Officers Committee to study the issues and submit report- Orders-Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 382

Dt.20.07.2012

Order:

Certain wood based industry owners, sawmill owners and carpenters have brought to the notice of Government regarding certain issues being faced them. A meeting was held in the Chambers of Hon'ble M(FES&T) On 30.06.2012 to discuss some of the problems relating to wood based industries/sawmills. After elaborate discussions it was finally decided to constitute an officers Committee to take up detailed study on the issues related to all wood based industries including sawmills in the State with reference to the Rules and Regulations and statutes in vogue, and to submit its report with specific recommendations to the Government for taking necessary action.

2. Accordingly Government hereby constitute an officers Committee with the Following Officers:-

1. Sri B.S.S. Reddy, Adl.Prl.CCF - Chairman.
2. Sri K.D.R Jakumar, Spl.Secy (For), EFS&T Dept., (or) Sri B.S.S Prasad, Spl.Secy (Env) - Government nominee, Member.
3. Sri D.K.Pandey, the APCCF (Prod)--- Member Convener.
4. Sri Swargam Srinivas, CCF (Vig) O/o the Prl.CCF,AP. ---Member.
5. Sri P.V. Ramana Reddy, CF, Hyderabad – Member.

3. The Above Committee shall take up detailed study on the following outstanding issues which require solutions with reference to the Rules and Regulations and statutes in vogue and submit its report with specific recommendations to the Government with in a period of 3 weeks positively to take further action:-

1. To study and report and suggest necessary suitable draft amendments to the AP Sawmill Regulation Rules, 1969, which will provide flexibility to the State Government and licensing authorities, in all the related matters without any ambiguity and suggest comprehensive draft amendment Rules covering all aspects of Wood based Industries, keeping in view the existing genuine problems if any, faced by both/Forest Department as well as the industry.
2. To study the Minutes of the meeting held on dt.26.05.2006 by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) at New Delhi, with the officials of the State on the Wood Bases Industries & follow up action taken so far on the decisions and action to be taken in respect of all WBI's in the State.
3. To study and report on the request of A.P. Viswakarma (Viswakarma) Sangam, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad to permit the carpenter units in Grampanchayats/villages which are presently running their units with 2 HP with enhanced capacity of 10 HP with 2 or 3 more machines, and its desirability and conformity to the Rules.

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4. To study and report on the necessity and /feasibility to relax the condition imposed in the sawmill regulation Rules that the sawmills should to not be shifted to a location within 5 KMs radius from the Reserve Forest Boundary especially the sawmills & depots existing within Urban/ Municipal areas keeping in view the fast expansion of Municipal/Urban areas.
 5. To ascertain the information regarding the Ply wood, Veneers, Block wood particle board and MDF units, continuing after 30.10.2002 illegally and to suggest the action to be taken.
 6. To study and report on the desirability on the request of sawmill owners for sanction of additional machinery without exceeding the turn over as there is demand for the same forthcoming on the plea of labour problem. And also report on the existing/ monitoring mechanism & suggested mechanism for effective control to ensure better forest protection. Action taken/ suggested on violations, if any.
 7. Shifting of sawmills/Wood based Industries from one place to other with reference to orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.91,EFS&T(For.III) Dept., Dt.11.07.2006 & G.O.Ms.No.47,EFS&T(For.III) Dept., Dt.07.07.2009.
4. The Committee shall complete the study in 3 weeks time on the above issues and any other issues related to Wood Based Industries and sawmills in the State and furnish the same to the Government, through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.SAMUEL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the members of the Committee.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
PS to M(FES&T)
PS to Spl.CS, EFS&T Department.
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